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Group Art Unit 2143  
Attorney's Docket No. 122.1435  
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FROM: H. J. Staas  
RE: AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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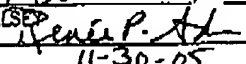
<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.	122.1435		
		Application Number	09/772,919		
		Filing Date	January 31, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	Kazutaka KOCHI et al.		
		Group Art Unit	2143		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$450.00	Examiner Name	BOUTAH, ALINA A		
<b>FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)</b>					
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	- 8 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00
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In re the Application of:

Kazutaka KOCHI et al.

Serial No. 09/772,919

Group Art Unit: 2143

Confirmation No. 9988

Filed: January 31, 2001

Examiner: BOUTAH, ALINA A

For: SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A PLURALITY OF APPARATUSES BASED ON  
ACCUMULATED OPERATING TIMES THEREOF TO EQUILIZE THE RESPECTIVE  
OPERATING TIMES OF THE APPARATUSES (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on September 30, 2005. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 30, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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